## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits below a complete listing of the current claims, including marked-up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of the Claims

1-6.    (Canceled)

7.    (Currently Amended) An object model embodied on a computer-readable medium for managing a service on a computer, the object model comprising:

a policy object model for specifying, by a first user, if it has been determined that the first user is authorized to perform the specification by comparing a rank of the first user against a permitted rank, one or more policies at least one first policy that the service supports in a packet-centric form, and, by a second user, at least one second policy by selecting a security level from a plurality of security levels, with each security level from the plurality of security levels being previously set for a specified application and a specified user said one or more policies in a user-centric form and/or an application-centric form; and

a policy engine platform for interacting of the said first user with the at least one first policy said one or more policies specified in said packet-centric form and of the said second user with the at least one second policy said one or more policies specified in said user-centric form and/or said application-centric form, and to provide the at least one first policy and the at least one second policy said one or more policies to said at least one component that actually performs the service.

8.    (Previously presented) The object model of claim 7, wherein the policy engine platform comprises a rule editor for adding an additional policy by said first user in accordance with the policy object model.